



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** USA Gymnastics and its member clubs across the nation annually celebrate National Gymnastics Day to help bring attention to the sport of gymnastics and to encourage and promote physical fitness among our nation's youth,

**WHEREAS,** Gymnastics provides a great foundation and offers lifetime skills, including building strength, flexibility, and coordination, and enhancing self-esteem and goal setting abilities,

**WHEREAS,** National Gymnastics Day seeks to introduce the value of physical fitness for every age, race, gender and ability level,

**WHEREAS,** On National Gymnastics Day, gymnastics clubs across the United States partner with USA Gymnastics to heighten the visibility of the sport and encourage participation at the grassroots level,

**WHEREAS,** National Gymnastics Day aims to serve the greater community ideals to provide comfort to children who are unable to provide for themselves by raising funds and awareness for the Children's Miracle Network; and

**WHEREAS,** Collectively, our nation, our state and USA Gymnastics strive to encourage greatness and achievement in our young people,

**NOW, THEREFORE,** On behalf of the state of Louisiana, I, Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, join National Gymnastics Day Chairmen Olympic Champion Shannon Miller and Olympic Coach Bela Karolyi in proclaiming August 7, 2004, as

**NATIONAL GYMNASTICS DAY**  
in the state of Louisiana, and together with the citizens of this state, I offer thanks to all gymnast for their dedicated work.



Attest By  
The Governor

*[Signature]*  
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the  
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this  
the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August  
A.D., 2004.*

*Kathleen Babineaux Blanco*  
Governor of Louisiana